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### **1. Odisha wins World Habitat Award 2023 for its JAGA Mission ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

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Odisha government's slum improvement and land titling programme, **JAGA (Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission)** Mission has won the **UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023**. This year it was awarded the bronze medal.

This is the **second time** that the programme has received the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Award. **In 2019**, the project received the World Habitat Awards for its success in providing land tenure security to slum dwellers.

This award is given by **World Habitat**, a United Kingdom -based organization, in partnership with **United Nation (UN)-Habitat**, every year, in recognition of innovative, outstanding, and revolutionary ideas, projects, and programmes from across the world.

#### **JAGA Mission Plan of the Odisha Government**

The Govt. of Odisha in **May 2018** launched JAGA Mission based on the Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act, 2017".

It is the **world's largest** slum titling and upgradation initiative.

It aims to make Odisha the first state in India to **be slum free by the end of 2023**.

#### **Achievements of the Mission**

- According to the state government under the JAGA mission out of 2,919 slums in the state;
- 100 percent of households in 2,724 slums have been provided with pipe water connections,
- 707 slums have transformed fully into liveable habitats,
- 100 percent of households in 666 slums have individual toilets, and
- 8 cities have become slum-free."
- In the last five years, 1, 75,000 families have been granted land tenure security.

Chief Minister of Odisha: **Naveen Patnaik**

### **2. Union cabinet approves Rs 2,614.51 crore investment in the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 4 January 2023 approved the investment of Rs 2,614.51 crore for the **382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project** by state-owned **SJVN Ltd** in Himachal Pradesh.

The 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project is being developed by Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam limited (SJVN) on **Sutlej river** in the Shimla and Mandi districts of Himachal Pradesh. The project on completion is expected to generate 1,382 million units of electricity annually.

This project would help in reduction of 11 lakh tons of carbon dioxide from the environment annually and Himachal Pradesh would benefit with around Rs 2,587 crore worth of free power.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had virtually laid the foundation stone of the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in Himachal Pradesh on 27 December 2021. He also laid the foundation stone of **210 MW Luhri Stage-1** on river Sutlej and **66 MW Dhaulasidh project** being built on Beas river .All the projects are being developed by SJVN.

### **Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN)**

It is a Mini Ratna Category-I Central public Sector Enterprises Company under the Union Ministry of Power.

The company is a joint venture of the **Government of India** and **Himachal Pradesh** government **with** the government of India holding the majority shares. It was set up in 1988 for hydroelectric power generation and transmission.

SJVN is presently implementing or operating power projects in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Odisha, Mizoram and Madhya Pradesh in India besides neighbouring countries of **Nepal** and **Bhutan**.

Chairman and Managing Director: **N L Sharma**

### **3. Odisha government to provide free rice for one year under the State Food Security Scheme ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

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The **Naveen Patnaik** government in Odisha will provide **free 5 Kg rice per month** to the beneficiaries under the State Food Security Scheme for one year. This was announced by the chief minister Naveen Patnaik on 3 January 2023.

According to the Chief Minister's Office the total expenditure for the scheme will be Rs 185 crore which will be borne by the state government

Earlier the Government of India made the foodgrains provided under the [National Food Security Act 2013](#) to the beneficiaries free for one year from 1 January 2023.

The Odisha government launched its own State Food Security Scheme on 2 October 2018 for those poor people who were not covered under the National Food Security Act 2013. These beneficiaries were provided 5Kg of rice at Re1 per kg.

Under the **National Food Security Act** the Antodaya **Anna Yojana beneficiaries** get 35 kg of food grains (rice or wheat or coarse cereals) per month and the **Priority Household** gets 5kg per person per month.

### **Odisha**

The State of Orissa was founded on 1 April 1936 after it was separated from the Bengal presidency.

**1 April is celebrated as Utkal Dibas** or Odisha divas in Odisha.

Odisha was earlier called as Orissa. Its name was changed to Odisha in 2011.

Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi **Lal**

**Capital:** Its capital was at Cuttack but it was shifted to **Bhubaneswar** on 19 August 1949.

#### **4. Madhya Pradesh government launched Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights Scheme ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

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In **Madhya Pradesh**, Chief Minister's **Residential Land Rights Scheme** (Mukhyamantri Bhumi Adhikar Yojna) launched from **Bakpura Panchayat of Tikamgarh** district on 4 January 2023.

#### **Important facts**

- Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** distributed free **pattas of residential land** to selected beneficiaries.
- Under the scheme, applications from **14 lakh people** have been received from across the state.
- Out of these, residential plots worth Rs 120 crore were provided to 10 thousand 500 eligible beneficiaries of Tikamgarh district.
- The scheme will be launched in the entire state.
- The Chief Minister had instructed the Revenue Department to identify the eligible beneficiaries for this scheme and prepare their data.
- Each beneficiary family will be given a plot of about 600 square feet for construction of houses under various schemes including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
- This step will also pave the way for construction of houses for poor families under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

#### **Madhya Pradesh**

- It is the **second largest state** area wise in India after **Rajasthan**.
- According to the **Indian State of Forest Report -2021**, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country area wise.
- **25.14 %** of its area is under forest cover.
- Chief Minister - **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

Capital - **Bhopal**

## **5. Hydrogen blended PNG project starts operation at NTPC Kawas ,Gujarat ( Jan. 3, 2023 )**

India's largest power company [NTPC Ltd](#) has commissioned India's first **green hydrogen blending project** at **Kawas**, Gujarat. The piped natural gas (PNG) blended with green hydrogen gas is being supplied through the Gujarat Gas limited piped natural gas (PNG) network in the NTPC Kawas township, Surat.

In April 2022 the NTPC signed an agreement with Gujarat Gas for blending of green hydrogen in the piped natural gas (PNG) to be supplied to the NTPC Kawas Township.

**Green Hydrogen** refers to the breaking down of the water molecule into hydrogen and oxygen using renewable sources of energy.

The Central government owned NTPC provides the green hydrogen produced at its **1 megawatt (MW) floating solar project of NTPC Kawas** in the Surat district of Gujarat for blending purposes.

Initially, the percentage of hydrogen blending in the PNG shall be around **5% and** after successful completion, it will be increased. The Hydrogen blended PNG will be used for **cooking purposes**.

This is the first project of its kind in the country .This is seen as a first step toward the decarbonization of the cooking sector and self-sufficiency for the energy requirements of the nation.

**Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL)** is India's largest City Gas Distribution (CGD) Company in terms of sales volume, with operation across 43 districts in 6 states and 1 Union territory in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

It is owned by Gujarat government owned Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation.

**Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

## **6. President Murmu inaugurates Samvidhan Udyan in Jaipur ( Jan. 3, 2023 )**

The President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated **Samvidhan Udyan, Mayur Stambh, National Flag Post, statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Maharana Pratap at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur** on January 3, 2023.

### **Important facts**

- On the occasion, she virtually inaugurated the Transmission System for Solar Power Sectors in Rajasthan and laid the foundation stone of the **1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project of SJVN Limited**.
- The President said that women are continuously moving forward from Panchayat to Parliament House on their own.

- He said that it is a record to have more than **100 women in the Parliament** of the country for the first time.
- The President said that the framers of our Constitution crafted a comprehensive Constitution with sensitivity to each and every section of the society and awareness of each level of democracy and each aspect of governance.

## **7. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh ( Jan. 3, 2023 )**

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **Siom bridge** along with 27 other infrastructure projects completed by the **Border Roads Organization in Arunachal Pradesh** on 3 January.

### **Important facts**

- Built at a cost of **Rs 724 crore**, these projects will vastly enhance India's border infrastructure, mostly along the **Chinese border**, from **Ladakh to Arunachal**.
- The Siom bridge on **Along-Yinkiong road** will facilitate rapid induction of troops, heavy equipment like howitzers and mechanised vehicles in forward areas of Upper Siang district, **Tuting and Yinkiong areas** along the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**.

### **About Arunachal Pradesh**

- It is the easternmost region of India. It is also called '**Land of the Dawn-lit-Mountains**' or **land of rising sun**.
- It shares its International border with **China, Bhutan and Myanmar**.
- Arunachal Pradesh finds its mention in the literature of **Kalika Purana** and the great Hindu Epic **Mahabharata**. It is believed to be the Prabhu Mountains of the Puranas.
- It was earlier called as **North East Frontier Agency (NEFA)** and it was renamed as Arunachal Pradesh in **1972**. It was a Union Territory.
- It became a state on **20 February 1987**.
- Governor of the State: **(Retd), Brigadier BD Mishra**
- Chief Minister: **Pema Khandu**
- Capital: **Itanagar**

## **8. Uttarakhand Govt abolishes system of revenue police ( Jan. 3, 2023 )**

Uttarakhand Govt abolishes system of revenue police

The [Uttarakhand government](#) has abolished the **revenue/Patwari policing system** in the state. This was notified by the Pushkar Singh Dhami government on 3 January 2023. All the revenue villages will now be under the regular policing system.

According to the Chief Minister's Office the law and order in 1,800 revenue villages of Uttarakhand will now be handled by the state police.

It was introduced by the British in the hilly state 150 years back. Under the system the civil officials/patwari of the Revenue department had the power to investigate and arrest the offenders just like police.

According to the government the revenue police lacked the necessary skill required for criminal investigations hence a need was felt to transfer the areas of revenue police to regular police in a phased manner.

Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand was formed on 9th November 2000 as the 27th State of India. It was formed by carving out the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

The state is also famous as **God's Land or Dev Bhoomi**.

It has a total of 13 districts.

Governor of Uttarakhand: Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh

Capital: **Dehradun**

## **9. Himachal Pradesh government launches CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh ( Jan. 2, 2023 )**

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** launched **CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh** with an outlay of Rs 101 crore on 1 January 2023.

All the Ministers and Congress MLA will contribute their **first salary to the fund**. The Congress party has 40 MLA in the 68 member Himachal Legislative Assembly. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government was sworn in on 11 December 2022.

### **Aim of the CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh**

The scheme will aim to provide the facility of higher education to needy children and destitute women.

The state government will bear the expenditure on skill development education, higher education, and vocational training of such children. They will also be given financial assistance as per their requirement so that they can lead a respectable life.

There will be no requirement for any income certificate for availing these facilities.

The Chief Minister said that children living in childcare institutions, all children being benefited under foster care, destitute women living in Nari Seva Sadan, Shakti Sadan and residents of old age homes would be benefited under this scheme.

### **Himachal Pradesh**

Himachal Pradesh became a Union Territory on 1 November 1956. It became the 18th state of India on 25 January 1971.

The State is bordered by Jammu & Kashmir on North, Punjab on West and South-West, Haryana on South, Uttarakhand on South-East and China on the East.

District in State: 12

State Governor: **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**

Capital: Shimla

### **State Icons**

State Animal: **Snow Leopard**

State Bird: **Western Tragopan**

State Flower: **Pink Rhododendron**

### **10. Hyderabad to become India's first city with 100% sewerage facilities by May 2023 ( Jan. 2, 2023 )**

According to the Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, IT and Industries of [Telangana](#), **K. T. Rama Rao** said that **Hyderabad** will become the first city in India to have **hundred per cent sewerage facilities** by next April-May. He made this statement on 1 January 2023 while inaugurating a flyover in Hyderabad.

He said that 31 new Sewage treatment plants (STP) are being built in the city with an investment of Rs ₹3,866 crores.

Rao said, "Keeping the floods of October 2020 in mind, we have developed the Strategic Nala development program with around ₹1000 crores. We will finish the project by March-April 2023. Hyderabad will be the first city in India to have 100 per cent sewerage facilities by April-May",

Chief Minister of Telangana: **K.Chandrashekhar Rao**

Governor of Telangana: **Tamilisai Soundararajan**